IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff,

v.

SMAR ET AI

EIMAD ASMAR, ET AL, Defendants.

CRIMINAL NO. 98-097(JAF)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS THE ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ASSIGNED TO THE CASE

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

COMES NOW, the United States of America, by its attorneys and very respectfully states and prays as follows:

1. That as of November 16, 2005, AUSA Desirée Laborde-Sanfiorenzo is not the Assistant U.S. Attorney responsible for the prosecution of the above referenced case.

WHEREFORE, the United States of America respectfully requests that this Honorable Court take notice of the foregoing and grant the withdrawal of AUSA Desirée Laborde-Sanfiorenzo as the attorney responsible for the prosecution of instant case.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 16th day of November, 2005.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on November 16, 2005, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to counsel(s) for each of the defendant(s).

At San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 16, 2005.

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